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RELATING TO EDUCATION - FUNDING OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, Tassoni, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: March 10, 2011

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-77.1-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-77.1 entitled
2 "Funding of Charter Public Schools" is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 **16-77.1-5. Facilities support for charter public schools.** -- A charter public school
4 ~~district or districts~~ may access state aid for reimbursement of school housing costs ~~for district~~
5 ~~sponsored charter public schools~~ pursuant to sections 16-7-35 through 16-7-47. Effective July 1,
6 2011, the state aid for charter public school housing costs shall be calculated annually using a
7 three (3) year weighted average of the state aid percentages calculated pursuant to section 16-7-39
8 for the communities sending students to the charter public school on the basis of the reference
9 year as defined in subdivision 16-7-36(4). This provision shall apply only to school housing
10 projects completed after June 30, 2011. ~~Public charter schools not sponsored by a public school~~
11 ~~district or districts may apply for thirty percent (30%) reimbursement of school housing cost on~~
12 ~~the basis of demonstrated need. The Rhode Island department of elementary and secondary~~
13 ~~education shall promulgate regulations to implement this section consistent with the purposes and~~
14 ~~procedures of the existing school housing aid program pursuant to sections 16-7-35 through 16-7-~~
15 ~~47.~~ For purposes of this section only, "facilities support, the urban collaborative accelerated
16 program" will be defined as a charter school.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would change the formula in granting access for reimbursement of charter school
- 2 housing costs.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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